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1. SUMMARY: RAUF DENKTASH, LEADER OF THE TURKISH FEDERATED
STATE OF CYPRUS (TFSC), PAID A FOUR-DAY VISIT TO TURKEY
SEPTEMBER 7-10. AFTER MEETINGS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN
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ANKARA, HE FLEW TO ISTANBUL TO CALL ON PRESIDENT KORUTURK.
TURKISH PRESS GAVE WIDE COVERAGE TO DENKTASH VISIT, BUT
PRESS WAS APPARENTLY UNABLE TO DEVELOP MUCH "HARD NEWS" ABOUT
RESULTS OF MEETINGS. TONE AND SUBSTANCE OF DENKTASH
STATEMENTS WHILE IN TURKEY WERE SUBDUED, AND ONE POST-DEPARTURE
PRESS REPORT INDICATES GOT MAY HAVE TOLD DENKTASH TO MODERATE
THREATS TO DECLARE INDEPENDENCE OF TFSC AND STOP TALKING ABOUT

RESETTLING VAROSHA AREA. END SUMMARY.

2. ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, DENKTASH MADE CALLS ON PRIMIN DEMIREL, FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL, AND NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY (NAP) LEADER TURKES (NEW HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CYPRUS COORDINATION COUNCIL). ON THURSDDAY, DENKTASH HAD MEETINGS ALL MORNING AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. IN THE AFTERNOON, HE SAW DEMIREL AND CAGLAYANGIL TOGETHER AND THEN WAS GREETED WITH FULL MILITARY HONORS BY TURKISH CHIEF OF STAFF SEMIH SANCAR. FRIDAY DENKTASH HAD A 40-MINUTE TALK WITH PRESIDENT KORUTURK IN ISTANBUL. HE ALSO REPORTEDLY MET WITH REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) CHAIRMAN ECEVIT. THERE ARE REPORTS THAT NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP) CHAIRMAN ERBAKAN REFUSED TO SEE DENKTASH BECAUSE DENKTASH FAILED TO FOLLOW PROTOCOL WHEN HE CALLED ON COALITION PARTNER TURKES BEFORE SEEKING A MEETING WITH ERBAKAN.

3. FOLLOWING HIS CALL ON PRESIDENT KORUTURK, DENKTASH TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT HE HAD BRIEFED THE PRESIDENT ON HIS CONTACTS IN ANKARA AND THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE CONVEYED THE GRATITUDE OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS TO THE MOTHERLAND FOR SECURING THEIR INDEPENDENCE. AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE HE REPEATED HIS EARLIER STATEMENT THAT A UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE (UDI) IS THE "LAST ALTERNATIVE" AVAILABLE TO THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS. HE ALSO WARNED THAT HE EXPECTS NO MOVEMENT BY THE GREEK CYPRIOTS TOWARD A NEGOTIATED CONFIDENTIAL

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SETTLEMENT BEFORE FEBRUARY. WHILE IN ANKAR, DENKTASH REPORTEDLY TOLD THE PRESS THAT BY NEXT FEBRUARY THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY "WILL HAVE PASSED THROUGH A NUMBER OF STAGES AND THIS PROCESS WILL BE IN NATURE OF A TEST". HE ALSO ASSERTED THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE RUNNING AWAY FROM THE NEGOTIATING TABLE.

4. IN A PRESS REPORT ATTRIBUTED TO THE TURKISH NEWS AGENCY AND PRINTED IN THE SEPTEMBER 12 EDITIONS OF SENSATIONALSIT GUNAYDIN AND MODERATE-LEFTIST BARIS, DENKTASH WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN TOLD BY THE GOT THAT THE AREAS OF VAROSHA WHICH ARE CURRENTLY UNOCCUPIED ARE NOT TO BE RESETTLED. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, WHICH CAME FROM "A SOURCE CLOSE TO THE MFA", DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BETWEEN DENKTASH AND THE GOT WERE SURFACED DURING THEIR MEETINGS, AND AGREEMENT ON A UNIFIED POSITION WAS REACHED. THE REPORT CONTINUED THAT DENKTASH WAS WARNED NOT TO PERMIT SETTLEMENT OF THE VAROSHA AREA AND TOLD TO CEASE MAKING ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT THE CONDITIONS WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO UDI.

5. AT LUNCH GIVEN BY MFA CYPRUS-GREECE DIRGEN TULUMEN SEPTEMBER 9 FOR VISITING EUR/SE OFFICER ELAINE SMITH, WE

ASKED TULUMEN ABOUT RESULTS OF DENKTASH'S VISIT. TULUMEN
REPLIED THAT SECGEN ELEKDAG WOULD DISCUSS THE SUBJECT WITH
CONUSELOR NIMETZ DURING THE LATTER'S VISIT TO ANKARA. IN
GENERAL, TULUMEN SAID, " DENKTASH HAS NOT CHANGED MUCH".
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